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SUBJECT:BELGIAN MEMBERSHIP ON INTERNATIONAL WHALING
COMMISSION (IWC)

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 8608; (B) STATE 99353

1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INFORMED EMBASSY VIA
DIPLOMATIC NOTE JULY 6 THAT BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT
YET BEEN ABLE TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO JOIN THE INTER-
NATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION.

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2. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF DUTCH-LANGUAGE NOTE
FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

IN REPLY TO YOUR NOTE NUMBER 21 OF APRIL 26 IN WHICH YOU
PROPOSE THAT BELGIUM JOIN THE QUOTE INTERNATIONAL

WHALING COMMISSION UNQUOTE, IF POSSIBLE BEFORE THE JUNE 26-JUNE 30 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE IWC IN LONDON, THE BELGIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INFORMS THE U.S. EMBASSY THAT SO FAR IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM TO DECIDE ON JOINING THE IWC. HOWEVER BELGIUM HAS DECIDED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL MEETING AS AN OBSERVER THROUGH THE BELGIAN EMBASSY IN LONDON.

THE GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM FULLY APPRECIATES THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN THE FIELD OF NATURE PROTECTION AND IT HOPES TO BE ABLE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUEST IN THE FUTURE.

THE BELGIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INFORMS THE U.S. EMBASSY THAT THE INTERNAL PROCEDURES REQUIRED TO APPLY THE WASHINGTON CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND THAT THE RATIFICATION LAW WILL SOON BE PRESENTED IN PARLIAMENT.

BELGIAN EXECUTIVE SERVICES WILL CONTACT THE RESPONSIBLE U.S. AUTHORITIES FOR CLARIFICATION OF PRACTICAL ASPECTS IF NEEDED.

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